

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Proposed Projects Involving the State General Fund (cash or bonds)*

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<u>2006-2008</u>				
1			Forage Testing Van 2006-08 This is a mobile hay testing vehicle capable of providing quality analysis of forage in a field setting. This item will replace a unit that is currently in service but has more than 308,000 miles on it. Forage quality analysis is crucial to efficient livestock production, as forages are usually the most efficient source of nutrients for farm animals. Knowing the nutrient content of forages is an integral part of a farmer's production practices.	\$115,000
2			Large Scale Test Truck - '91 Replace This vehicle is a Major Item of Equipment which is used by the Department's Division of Regulation and Inspection for the enforcement of the provisions of KRS 363.520 to 363.850, which pertain to Weights and Measures. The vehicle being requested is more specifically known as a 25,000 Pound Scale Test Truck, referring to the total amount of test weights it carries for the purpose of testing or calibrating large weigh scales. This unit will replace an existing unit that requires replacement due to excessive age and mileage. A review of records reveals that the Department has spent approximately \$7,000 on extra maintenance and repair for its two older scale trucks in just the first eight months of the current fiscal year.	\$175,000
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4			Large Scale Test Truck - Eastern KY This vehicle is a Major Item of Equipment which is used by the Department's Division of Regulation and Inspection for the enforcement of the provisions of KRS 363.520 to 363.850, which pertain to Weights and Measures. The vehicle being requested is more specifically known as a 25,000 Pound Scale Test Truck, referring to the total amount of test weights it carries for the purpose of testing or calibrating large weigh scales. This testing unit will be added to the Department's fleet of three existing units so that the Division may do a better job of annually inspecting the approximately 1,250 livestock and vehicle scales in the Commonwealth. Currently, more than one-fourth of these scales go uninspected in an average year, leaving consumers and businesses vulnerable to inaccurate transactions.	\$175,000
5			Fuels/Pesticides Testing Lab The Department proposes to establish an Engine Fuels and Pesticides Testing Laboratory. The agency is mandated in KRS 363.900 - 363.908, KRS 217.542 to 217.630, and KRS Chapter 217B to assure quality in motor fuels and safety in pesticides storage and usage. The proposed laboratory will enable the Department to	\$700,000

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execute its fuel and pesticides testing program more timely and possibly at a lower cost. The agency now uses contract vendors and the costs of these outside tests, particularly for fuels, have been rising dramatically. By operating its own lab, the Department can avoid delays and provide an elevated level of service and protection to the general public and to firms who face unfair competition from those operating outside of the legal standards and practices.

6 Animal Shelters 2006-08 \$2,000,000

This project provides funds for capital improvements for approved animal shelters operating under KRS 258.119 and meeting the requirements for funding from the Animal Control Advisory Board. The existence of this project recognizes the impacts of the General Assembly's recent rewriting of the "Dog Law," which placed most responsibility for animal control and welfare at the local government level, removing it from state control. This funding is designed to allow county fiscal courts and other operators of shelters, such as humane societies, to bring their facilities and practices in line with the requirements of the new Animal Control statutes. Under KRS 258.195(1), animal shelters are required to meet the standards of KRS 258.119(3)(b) by July 13, 2007. County officials and the operators of these facilities will testify to the importance of this funding to each of their animal control programs, and to their ability to comply with the statutory requirements.

7 PACE - Agr Enhancement Fund 2006-08 \$7,200,000*

The Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE) Program was originally authorized by the 1994 General Assembly and codified in KRS 262.900-262.920. The program provides for the acquisition of easements to ensure that lands currently in agricultural use will remain available for agriculture and not be converted to other uses. This request for funding will allow the Department to maximize its use of matching federal funds anticipated to be available for PACE purposes. Farmland protection is an investment in the backbone of the US and KY economies. Agriculture provides millions of jobs. The U.S. relies on its best farmland to feed Americans and much of the world. However, America faces risks from becoming more dependent on imported food. Furthermore, the cost of basic services (schools, fire, police, and maintenance) increases in communities that lose farmland to uncontrolled growth. Finally, farmland loss has environmental consequences, because it provides more than 70 percent of the country's habitat for wildlife.

** Total budget includes Federal Funds of \$3,600,000.*

2008-2010

Animal Shelters 2008-10 \$2,000,000

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2010-2012

Animal Shelters 2010-12 **\$2,000,000**

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Forage Testing Van 2010-12 **\$115,000**

This is a mobile hay testing vehicle capable of providing quality analysis of forage in a field setting. The vehicle being replaced does not have excessive miles currently; however, it is driven extensively and will need replacement within the time frame of this request. Forage quality analysis is crucial to efficient livestock production, as forages are usually the most efficient source of nutrients for farm animals. Knowing the nutrient content of forages is an integral part of a farmer's production practices.

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***Notes**

- Unless otherwise indicated, the total budget would be financed from the state General Fund (cash or bonds).
- Priority rankings were required to be assigned only to those projects proposed for 2006-08; projects for 2008-10 and 2010-12 are listed in alphabetical order.
- Descriptions are as provided in the "Brief Description and Justification" field of the agency's capital plan submission.